115. M.P. Bhoj (Open) University, Bhopal, M.P.

116. Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai, T.N.

117. Pt. Sunderlal Sharma Open University, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

118. Uttaranchal Open University, Haldwani,

Uttaranchal. Institute of National Importance:

119. National Law School of India; Bangalore, Karnataka.

Shortages of trained computer professionals

1196. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of trained computer professionals in the country against the demands of a rapidly growing IT industry;

(b) if so, whether Government has a proposal to open or facilitate opening technical institutes focused on IT industry, to train large number of people for employment in the IT industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) As per the information submitted by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), with the anticipated annual growth rate of 15% in admissions in Engineering Colleges the availability of manpower for IT jobs in terms of numbers may not be an issue. However, enhancing the employability of available manpower may be the issue. Depending on the availability of funds during the 11th Five Year Plan, new technical institutions focused on IT would be opened.

Medium of instructions in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1197. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medium of instructions of humanities stream subjects like social sciences in Kendriya Vidyalayas is Hindi instead of it being English; if so, the reasons therefor;